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Life After Law Enforcement

The transition to civilianhood is not easy, even under the best of circumstances

Image

For a law enforcement officer, leaving active duty can be a difficult time. Whether or not the person freely chooses to leave, is forced to leave, medically retires, or just hits that “mark” of retirement, a strong camaraderie among fellow officers has been developed.

At some point, officers must be prepared to become civilians. A loss of police power and a feeling that one is no longer part of the cop family strongly accompanies the change. To leave this interpersonal web of protection is not easy and is likened to removing an integral part of your personality. In research conducted by police psychologist and author J.M. Violanti, an officer commented: “It’s like I belonged to a big club. I made my mark, I was one of the guys, I did my job. Everyone in the station respects you. Suddenly, all of that is gone and you are on the outside looking in. I felt so different. I called the guys almost everyday to see if they still related to me the same way. I visited the station, wondering what was going on and wanting to be part of the action. Somehow, it wasn’t the same. I wasn’t one of them anymore. It’s hard to explain. I left, but I couldn’t let go of this strong attachment.”

NINJA NATE’S CUSTOM WOODWORKING

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Ninja Nate Wood Working is built on a passion for creating great custom woodworks. From custom Cocobolo police batons to the creation of custom wood pens and pencils, this passion is evident in every woodworking project from Ninja Nate. This includes a full range of custom wood stands for the Cocobolo batons and other display items, wood shadow boxes, jewelry boxes and more. With every custom woodworking project, whether it be a baton, a pen, or custom furniture, only quality wood is used along with great skill and experience and it's all combined with a passion for wood working.

OUR CUSTOM COCOBOLO POLICE BATONS

Custom Cocobolo Police Batons are the cornerstone of Ninja Nate Woodworking. In years of research I have yet to come across anything similar in design. Because of the properties of Cocobolo and other hardwoods, it makes both the most beautiful and the most devastating impact weapon available.

Each baton is carefully hand selected and hand turned to exacting standards. I use Department Specifications of 1.25" in diameter and varying lengths of 24" to 29" per your preference. Custom lengths such a riot batons from 36" to 42" can be made to order. I learned to hand tie the parachute cord handles from an old salty "Coasty". This gives my baton the functionality and design that makes it truly one of a kind.

MS-13 Put Fake Body in Vehicle, Detonated Bomb When Police Arrived

Image

This is the gang that's infiltrating cities and towns across America. And this is how they operate.

Officers in El Salvador were wounded on Monday after MS-13 put a fake body in an abandoned car to lure police into a car-bomb attack. It's just the latest in a round of murder police officers and soldiers in the country.

Here's what happened. Authorities say gang members wrapped a mannequin in blankets inside a car. A suspected body at a soccer field on the outskirts of San Salvador was called into police. When they arrived, MS-13 detonated the explosives.

It comes after the murder of two police officers and three soldiers over the weekend by suspected gang members. All of them were off duty when attacked, and some were playing sports.

Dozens of Chilean 'tourists' tied to robbery spree in Southern California

Image

LOS ANGELES — International thieves from Chile are suspected of committing hundreds of burglaries across Southern California after obtaining visa waivers to enter the United States, authorities said.

For months, a sophisticated ring of burglars has targeted affluent homes, businesses and cars in Los Angeles and the counties of Alameda, Orange, San Bernardino, Santa Clara and Ventura, lifting jewelry, guns and other valuables, police said.

A similar spate of “burglary tourism” is occurring in Texas, Arizona, Colorado, New York and other states, as well as several European countries, the FBI said.

Transnational Organized Crime and National Security

Image

Traditional organized crime, ranging from the Italian-American mafia to street gangs, has long been a target of American law enforcement efforts. Unlike purely domestic organized crime, transnational organized crime, defined by the Justice Department as groups that pursue criminal activities across geographic boundaries, has profound national security implications.

The FBI warns that transnational organized crime poses a diverse array of national security threats related to border security, government corruption both in the United States and abroad, energy and “strategic material” markets around the world, and “logistical and other support to terrorists and foreign intelligence services.”

This is the first in a new series of posts about developments in Justice Department efforts to combat transnational organized criminal groups. The series will focus on the national security threats posed by transnational organized crime and will summarize how the U.S. government addresses those threats, such as prosecutions, sanctions and developing legislation.

A Canadian murder. 'Buffalo's crime family.' Is the Mafia still around?

Image

Across the border, journalists covering mob killings in Hamilton, Ont., and the shooting last week of a reputed Mafia leader in Mississauga don't think twice about mentioning the mob in Buffalo.

Scattered throughout their stories are references to "Buffalo's crime family" and the role it might have played in the rash of Mafia violence sweeping southern Ontario.

The reports have left some in Buffalo wondering: What crime family?

Slack warns investors it might be targeted by organized crime, nation-state hackers

Image

Slack Technologies, the company whose cloud-based collaboration

tools and services are used by companies worldwide, has warned potential investors that the company faces threats from a wide variety of sources, including “sophisticated organized crime, nation-state, and nation-state supported actors.”

Acknowledging the risk
In the documents it was required to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) due to its going public, the company has spelled out the many cyber threats to its existence, functioning and financial results (and investors’ bottom line): “traditional” computer hackers, malicious code, employee theft or misuse, password spraying, phishing, credential stuffing, DoS attacks, compromised API keys and passwords, and so on.

Don’t buy that Gucci knockoff

Your bargain benefits organized crime while endangering countless others

Image

If you’ve ever been to New York’s Chinatown, Los Angeles’ Santee Alley or Hong Kong’s Gage Street, you know what draws the crowds: the chance to snag knockoff Jimmy Chu shoes, a Rolex watch or a pair of Ray-Ban sunglasses for a fraction of the retail price.

While consumers may think it’s a “victimless crime” that only hurts big corporations, counterfeiting harms countless individuals as well, from sweatshop workers who toil without legal protections to consumers themselves, many thousands of whom die annuallydue to fraudulent drugs and foods. It’s also the biggest source of profit for criminal gangs.

President Donald Trump highlighted the problem in early April when he ordered U.S. federal agencies to do more to stem the flow of counterfeit goods online. But what has been lost in debates about how to curb counterfeiting is the role consumers play.

Latest Mafia-related shooting exposes epicentre of organized crime in the GTA

Image

Two years after the murder of his younger brother, Hamilton mobster Pat Musitano was shot multiple times outside his lawyer's Mississauga office Thursday.

It was around 7 a.m. that emergency crews were called to a parking lot of a commercial office complex. Although police have not publicly identified the victim, a lawyer in the complex said he was told it was Mr. Musitano.

Shahid Malik said Mr. Musitano was there to see his lawyer Joseph Irving (who shares an office space with Mr. Malik) when he was shot.

"It's very unsettling, very unnerving," Mr. Malik said, adding that while he knew of Mr. Musitano, he had not met him personally. Mr. Irving did not answer the phone at his office Thursday and his voice mailbox was full.

Former Manitoba Hells Angels president alleges Corrections Canada is trying to interfere with parole chance

Image

The former president of the Manitoba Hells Angels is taking the Correctional Service of Canada to court for allegedly infringing on his "right to life, liberty and security of person" when it reclassified his security threat level and moved him from a minimum-security unit to medium.

Dale Jason Sweeney, 48, is currently serving the remainder of a 10-year prison sentence at Stony Mountain Institution for his role in a cocaine trafficking ring. He was arrested in March 2012 as part of a Winnipeg police investigation dubbed Project Flatlined and later pleaded guilty to instructing someone to commit an offence for a criminal organization and possession of property obtained by crime.

Charlottetown Hells Angels club gets full-patch status, can recruit new members

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Their club may be a little smaller than when it started, but the

Charlottetown Hells Angels became full-patch members Saturday.

RCMP Cpl. Andy Cook said the change means no more going around doing jobs for other full-patch members.

“They have full rights as a Hells Angel,” he said.

Cook said the RCMP had indications last week that the Charlottetown prospects would be attending a party in Woodbridge, Ont., on the weekend.

Cook said he then confirmed at the Charlottetown Airport Sunday that one of the local members was a full-patch Hells Angel.

The organization had a presence in P.E.I. for several years with the Woodbridge club sponsoring the local chapter, which became a prospect club in 2017.

Mongols MC El Paso chapter president accused in biker assault arrested in raid

Image

The president of the El Paso chapter of the Mongols biker club was arrested Monday during an early Monday raid at his Northeast home, police said.

Charles Edward Anderson Jr. is accused of assaulting a former rival biker gang member earlier this month at a motorcycle garage, El Paso police said.

The Mongols Motorcycle Club are a recent arrival in El Paso and one of the world's largest "1 percenter" clubs, which law enforcement considers an outlaw biker gang

Anderson, 46, was arrested on a charge of engaging in organized criminal activity-assault causing bodily injury.

Former Bacchus president convicted of daylight shooting to be released

Image

A former Bacchus Motorcycle Club Saint John president who shot and killed a man in broad daylight will soon be released from prison on statutory release.

But Correctional Service Canada remains concerned about Matthew Thomas Foley's association with Bacchus.

The New Brunswick-founded outlaw motorcycle gang, which has chapters in Atlantic Canada and Ontario, has been fundraising for Foley's upcoming statutory release.

The CSC's security intelligence department has "suspicions of you having ongoing 'gang mentality' and possible ties to old associates," an April 1 Parole Board of Canada decision says.

Detention center to implement new taser technology

Image

Officers at the Scott County Detention Center are being trained in a new piece of tech, the G.L.O.V.E., Generated Low Output Voltage Emitter, a taser glove through Compliant Technologies.

“These gloves have sensors in them,” said Scott County Jailer Derran Broyles. “I can go up, I can grab (the inmate). So, I’ve got a hold of (the inmate). If (the inmate) start(s) to go down, it’s a lot safer for the inmate.”

Safety is key with the new technology, Broyles said.
“I think it’s going to allow us better control in here of the inmates,” he said. “Which hopefully will be less physical altercations, which will be safer for the inmates, safer for the staff. I just think it’s a really great tool that we are looking to implicate in here.”

How New York City is watching you

A look at the city’s surveillance apparatus and its 9,000-plus cameras

Image

They’re everywhere – on our phones, in our computers, on city streets and subway platforms. Cameras have become so ubiquitous that it can be easy to forget that they’re there. That’s what happened for some New Yorkers last week, when a vandal who attacked dozens of LinkNYC kiosks in New York City was caught red-handed by the cameras installed on the kiosks themselves, prompting shock from those who either didn’t know or failed to notice that LinkNYC kiosks come equipped with cameras.

The incident, coupled with an apparently fake facial recognition camera mounted in a subway station, has reinvigorated a discussion of the many cameras and sensors that record, watch or collect data on private citizens, and what law enforcement agencies can do with that information. To clear up some of those questions, City & State took a look at the rules – or lack thereof – that govern the use of surveillance technologies in New York.

National Police Foundation Selects New President

Image

WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr 29, 2019--The National Police Foundation (NPF) Board of Directors recently announced their decision to name Executive Vice President Jim Burch as the organization's new President. This announcement comes after the retirement of the former President and retired police chief Jim Bueermann in 2018. Burch has been serving as interim President since December and will begin serving as President immediately.

Burch has served with the Foundation — a non-partisan, non-profit research organization dedicated to improving policing through innovation and science — since 2015. During his tenure, he developed and led multiple research, training, and technical assistance projects related to violent crime reduction, officer safety, transparency and technology, and international policing development efforts, resulting in substantial growth of the Foundation's programs serving police and communities alike. Burch joined the Foundation after serving more than 20 years in both federal service and the private sector.

FBI got tips minutes before Calif. synagogue attack

Image

POWAY, Calif. — The FBI said it got tips about a social media post threatening violence against Jews just minutes before a gunman killed a worshipper and wounded three others at a Southern California synagogue — an attack that makes him "part of the history of evil that has been perpetrated on Jewish people for centuries," the suspect's family said Monday.

The tips to an FBI website and hotline included a link to the anonymous post but did not offer specific information about its author or the location of the threat. The bureau said employees immediately tried to determine who wrote it, but the shooting occurred before they could establish his identity.

Police stop terror suspect who planned attacks on Calif. sites, LEOs

Image

LOS ANGELES — A U.S. Army veteran planned to detonate improvised explosive devices at several Southern California locations to cause “mass casualties” in a terror plot thwarted by law enforcement officials.

Mark Stevens Domingo, 26 of Reseda, in the San Fernando Valley, was arrested Friday night after he took delivery of what he thought was a live bomb from an undercover law enforcement officer posing as bomb maker. He was charged with attempting to provide material support to terrorists.

According a federal affidavit, “after considering various attacks — including targeting Jews, churches and police officers — Domingo decided to detonate an IED at a rally scheduled to take place in Long Beach this past weekend. As part of the plot, Domingo asked his confederate — who actually was cooperating with the FBI as part of the investigation — to find a bomb maker, and Domingo last week purchased several hundred nails to be used as shrapnel inside the IED.”

What makes you go “Ew” in 3 minutes of police work?

Image

Things We Cannot Unseen
We all have some sort of formed bias about things such as food, activities, likes, and dislikes. Additionally, we have conscious and unconscious bias which shifts as we move along in our police careers.

Sometimes you can peg the type of crime a person regularly engages in by their lifestyle or look. Maybe you know by looking at the outside of a house that the call you are about to embark upon is going to be a doozy.

You can imagine the riff raff we encounter and the oddities of life which never cease to amaze us.

Many of the images, smells, and sounds leave lasting impressions in our memory and psyche, including ones we can not unseen, unsmell, and unhear. In fact, many memories make me want to poke my eyes out with sticks or turn my nose up just at those brief remembrances we have from time to time triggered by something in the present.

Attorney Charged With Stealing From Fallen Trooper's Family

Image

State Trooper Todd Larkins was killed in the line of duty in 2005 after being struck by a tractor trailer. Leaving behind his 12 year old daughter, Carina Larkins, there was a little bit of peace for those close to the officer and family knowing that his legacy would be taken care of financially after receiving over $2 million for a settlement in a wrongful death lawsuit.

But Carina never thought that money would be at risk…until recently.

Is Amazon's Ring Doorbell Starting a True Crime News Website?

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The Amazon-owned internet doorbell company Ring is hiring. However, it's not a tech job or a member of the logistics team. The

company is hiring a managing editor to help “deliver breaking crime news alerts.” That’s right, your doorbell is getting into the true crime business.

According to the job listing, the right candidate will have “deep and nuanced knowledge of American crime trends,” “strong news judgment that allows for quick decisions in a breaking news environment,” and at least three years in management. Hopefully, they aren’t looking for a candidate with three years of management in internet doorbell news management, because we’re going to guess that person does not exist.

How data sharing between agencies can reduce crime

Effective data sharing can improve investigations, increase arrests and ensure successful prosecutions

Image

Successful information sharing in law enforcement depends on information availability. Street officers want real-time information on who they are contacting or about to contact; crime analysts want to find crime trends and connect associates to supply leads to investigators; detectives want to find stolen property and ID suspects; and command staff want to see the bigger picture of what is happening within their city.

Many police departments are changing the way they manage and share data outside their agency. The “it’s mine, not yours” approach to data control does not work in the 21st century, nor does the practice of physically moving career criminals to neighboring cities to reduce your own city’s crime rates. To fight crime, especially multijurisdictional crime, agencies must share data.

Law enforcement information sharing has improved significantly across all levels of government, improving crime prevention, response times to serial-type crimes and number of cases solved. Data sharing is not only an important aspect of solving multijurisdictional crimes, it is a requirement. Why? Because criminals do not care about geographical boundaries.

Sexually Assaulted In A NYC Jail? Don't Hold Your Breath For A Timely Investigation

Image

More than a year after he reported being sexually assaulted by a correction officer at the Brooklyn House of Detention, Jonas Caballero still has no answers.

On March 6th, 2018, Cabellero said he was going to the jail's barber shop for a haircut when the officer escorting him instructed Cabellero to put his hands against the wall for a pat frisk, a standard practice before people in jail are taken from one area to another. Cabellero had never had a problem with the pat frisks or this particular officer, but this time, he said that the officer grabbed his genitals. Cabellero immediately complained to the nearby captain, who he claims called him a liar. Cabellero decided to return to his housing unit instead of getting a haircut. He says he learned that the same officer groped another man only minutes later.

Cabellero called 311 to report the incident. A few hours later, he was visited by investigators who recorded his statement. They also interviewed the other man who had been groped by the officer.

That evening, Cabellero told a female officer in his housing unit and said that he wanted to report the incident through the jail's official complaint system. "When I told her what happened, she laughed and said, 'He probably thought it was contraband,' pointing toward my crotch with a smile," he wrote in a letter to his brother. He then tried to complain to another officer, who said that, since Caballero is gay, the incident shouldn't bother him.

How the police wants to use AI and analytics to 'adopt a public-health approach to crime'

Image

A significant step on the road towards the UK becoming “an inevitable dystopian hellscape”, is how one article characterised the National Data Analytics Solution (NDAS) project being run by the West Midlands Police.

Another headline claimed that it marks a “descent into state surveillance”.

One publication asked whether “Minority Report is now a reality”, while another site described the scheme as “Minority Report-lite”, and yet another called NDAS “the real Minority Report”.

Style magazine Dazed at least mixed things up a bit in terms of its cinematic references, suggesting that the project had “Robocop vibes”.

Even the website of celebrity conspiracy theorist David Icke was moved to post about the programme, labelling UK law enforcement as “the thought police”.

Iain Donnelly, superintendent of West Midlands Police and the project manager for NDAS, has seen all these headlines – and even shared many of them online.

Treating the good guys as the bad guys

Image

Imagine coming home from work one day to discover that the front door of your home is open. You don't know why the door is open so you enter. As you begin to look inside, you realize that your home is not the way you left it as several things are out of place. Then you hear someone else is inside. And in your gut, you know that they heard you too. What do you do?

You have several options. The safest and smartest thing to do would be to leave and call 911 right away. You can also remain inside and yell "Is anyone there?" to try and find out who is in your home. You can run to a neighbor and ask whether they have seen or heard anything unusual from your home. In this hypothetical situation, you have many factors to assess before deciding on which option to proceed with.

Crisis in Leadership?

Image

Every day a small number of law enforcement officers act in a manner contrary to their Oath of Office, the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics and the Canon of Law Enforcement Ethics. Their actions, from lapses in judgment to the deliberate commission of unethical or unlawful acts, become the face of our profession.

Are these acts the result of a crisis in leadership… or a crisis in followership?

It's important to understand that Followership is not blind allegiance to an individual. Followership is adherence to our oath and all that it represents. Followership is the execution of the tenets espoused in the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics, at every level and rank within an organization.

Police investigate Surrey street battle with possible gang links

Police in Surrey are investigating a chaotic street battle involving car and foot chases and an assault in Newton on Saturday night.

Video of the incident near 135A St. and 88 Ave. has turned up on various online sites.

The footage shows one person struck by a vehicle as other cars chase each other. Passengers hop out of one of the vehicles and pursue others on foot, running in and out of yards and jumping over fences.

One person captured on a home's surveillance video looks like he is carrying a gun. Another has a black baton-like item.

Surrey Coun. Linda Annis said the brazen battle shown on the video is "absolutely horrific".

"You could be out walking and be right in the line of fire," she said. "We have to get a grip on this. We have to get it fixed."

Can you crack the CIA's first Instagram post?

Image

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has blown its cover on Instagram, giving would-be secret agents an intriguing mission to accomplish.

Known for its secrecy, discretion and shadowy spy tactics, the US foreign intelligence service has shown its sense of irony by joining the social media platform.

"We are the nation's first line of defence," the account's bio says, portraying a seriousness more typically associated with the organisation.

Its first post, however, takes a more playful tone. It includes a picture of a desk scattered with curiously placed objects, ranging from a curly grey wig to a pile of foreign banknotes.

COMMUNITY POLICING GETTING RESULTS

Image

CHAMBERSBURG — Community policing is a nice catch phrase, but how different is it from any other kind of policing effort?

It depends on how it's done, according to Chambersburg Police Chief Ron Camacho.

To succeed, the program has to first gain the trust of the community's citizens, then involve them in the department's crime prevention and enforcement effort.

In Chambersburg, community policing is working very well, Camacho said in a recent interview.

CPD uses a multipronged approach to policing, he said.

The department aggressively uses social media — including Facebook and CRIMEWATCH to reach out to and communicate with the public.

Two Officers Shot - Suspect Was Fugitive From Corrections

Image

Two officers were shot in Kansas on Monday evening. The alleged shooter is dead.

It happened in Rice County, Kansas north of Sterling near the Sonic restaurant just after 5 p.m.

Police say the Rice County undersheriff tried to stop a car related to a warrant near the restaurant. That warrant was for the driver, 37-year-old David L. Madden.

Within seconds of the stop, Undersheriff Chat Murphy radioed in that he had been shot.

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